



## NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**VALUE: Compassion**

**Focus: Noticing a Need**

‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’ Colossians 3.12



Drama for Ruby Class

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**Curriculum Review:** This week, our School Improvement Partner, Anne Gorolini, an advisor from Herts for Learning, came in to review the curriculum development we have undertaken with history. We have been developing our planning and teaching to ensure that the curriculum is engaging, includes a focus on learning and remembering the key concepts of each topic and that the children understand and can use the specific vocabulary effectively. She spent much of the morning talking to children and providing an opportunity for them to share the work that is in their books. It was very clear that children through the school are enjoying their topic work and were able to demonstrate a strong level of understanding, including being able to define and use the specific vocabulary. They were able to recall learning from some weeks ago and this shows that the learning has ‘stuck’. The review went really well and the suggestions about how to extend this work have been very helpful. We are making very pleasing progress in ensuring that we work towards our mission statement that is “Through consistently high quality teaching and support, we will provide an ambitious curriculum which engages and inspires all pupils to achieve their full potential.”



**Football:** It was great to see our mixed football team playing their first competitive match this week. We have been very fortunate that a parent has agreed to coach and support them and assist with the matches. The children all played well together and the whole squad were able to take part, showing sporting behaviour throughout. The atmosphere was very positive. The added bonus was that, with a very last minute goal, they won the match. We have now clarified the situation regarding parents watching matches and for the afterschool matches, parents are welcome. The exception is the tournaments and activities that take place during the school day.

**Cross Country:** We were disappointed that the cross country had to be postponed this week due to the weather and are aware that some children were really looking forward to it. We are awaiting information about a reschedule and will inform you when we hear more.

**Dirt is Good:** This week, the ECO Action Team introduced the Dirt is good project to the rest of the school and linked it to Call to Earth Day, which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The project has four key principles:

1. United in compassion (our current Spellbrook value)
2. Get stuck in
3. Everyone has a role to play
4. On a journey

It encourages children across the country to take positive action and become 'Changemakers' for life. The team presented their ideas well and have asked all of the children to consider ways that we can make a difference in protecting our environment.



**Perform Drama:** Also this week, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a drama experience led by Perform Drama (see above and below). These annual workshops are provided at no cost to the school and advertise the classes. You should have received a leaflet. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were taken by the wizard on a magical journey meeting the wizard's cat, freezing when the dragon appeared and finishing with a party. Talking to some of Ruby class afterwards, I heard all about it and was impressed with the details they recalled and the enthusiasm as they shared their experience. It was clear that they had become totally immersed and in their imagination, all of these events had really happened. The magic of a child's mind!

**Advance notice** – End of Term. We will be ending this term with our Christmas Carol Service at Great St Mary's Church. This will mean a change to the usual timing for the last day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The service will be from 1:45 to 2:30 and we will arrange the transport there. We would like parents to join us for the service or collect their child/children from the church at about 2:30. We feel this will be a festive way to end the term together and would love to see you all.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



**Sapphire Class Drama**

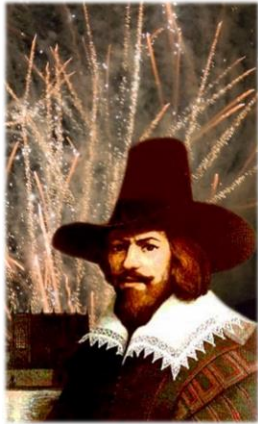


## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



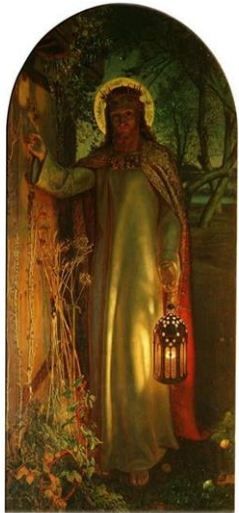
### **Father Simon writes:**

'Remember, remember the fifth of November -  
gunpowder, treason, and plot'.



Of course, these days, the religious aspect of Bonfire Night has almost been completely forgotten. When I was a child in the 1970s, I remember the evening still being called 'Guy Fawkes' Night' and a Guy - a straw man dressed in old, grubby, unwanted clothes - being paraded through the streets, usually in a wheelbarrow, on its way to the site of the local bonfire. However, in the last few decades it seems we now talk more of 'Bonfire Night' than 'Guy Fawkes' Night' and the evening, has become an opportunity for a party where people, regardless of their religious persuasion or none, get together to have a good time.

On the one hand, I'm aware that that change is because, sadly, society has become increasingly disinterested in faith and religion. However, surely nobody's going to lament the transformation of an anniversary born of 17<sup>th</sup> century sectarianism - when English Roman Catholics, including Guy Fawkes, plotted to kill the Protestant King James I - into today's joyful community event. Now, it seems, the majority of the population sees November 5th, with all its bonfires and fireworks, simply as an opportunity to rejoice in the warmth and beauty of light at a time of the year which has been newly darkened by the change of our clocks.



It's a theme which is very much at the heart of the Christian calendar. In the darkness of Easter morning, we process the new Easter (Paschal) candle into church, declaring that the resurrected Jesus is the Light of the World. And then, at this time of year, our focus is beginning to turn towards Christmas when, in the Christmas Day passage from St John's Gospel, we hear that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

In these turbulent times, it's easy to despair. But watching the bonfire tomorrow night reluctantly catching alight in spite of the wet wood, and those rockets rising above the smoke to burst into stars, reminds me that hope - the light in the darkness - is still strong enough to press for what's right - not just in national and international politics but for the future of our planet and also in our everyday lives.

Whether you're intending to be at a display over the weekend, or whether you intend to watch the fireworks from the comfort of your sitting room window, I pray that you'll stay safe and allow the beauty of the displays to capture your imagination, allowing all of us to work for a brighter tomorrow.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Wren

Diamond  
Sienna R



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- George for putting great effort into his learning.

### Sapphire

- Johnny for making impressive progress with his reading.
- Caitlyn for participating more confidently in class discussions.



### Emerald

- Alex for settling in so brilliantly this week.
- Flora for her hard work and fantastic progress in Maths.

### Diamond

- Ava for beautiful hieroglyphics writing in History.
- Poppy-Sue for great work in her English writing.



## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



**Whole School Attendance – 95.6%**

**Whole School Target Set – 96%**

Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204, Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

**If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.**

## NOTICES

- Nasal Flu Vaccination** – the school nursing team will be in school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** to administer the nasal flu vaccine.
- Parents Evening** is on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have not booked a meeting yet, please do so in **Arbor** by clicking on **Guardian Consultations** and selecting a time from the drop down menu.
- Midday Assistant Vacancy** – we have a full time vacancy to start immediately. The closing date for applications is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see the advert below for more information or follow the link: [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant\\_78378.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_78378.htm)
- Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime** at **South Mill Arts** is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Children will be travelling to South Mill Arts by coach and will need to be picked up by parents at 3.30 pm. Payment should be made in **Arbor** by clicking on **Trips** and selecting **Jack & the Beanstalk Panto 2022**. Payment is due on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.
- Christmas Crackers** - We are kindly asking for donations of Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas lunch on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** please. All donations can be handed into the school office. Many thanks to the parents who have made donations.



## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages in Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Veg Pasties (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Lentil Roast (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red)</li> <li>❖ Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Crispy Coated Salmon (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
07/11/22	Nasal Flu Vaccination
09/11/22	Parents Evening
11/11/22	Remembrance Service in school
14/11/22	High Wych v Spellbrook Football Match
17/11/22	Year 5/6 Football Match at Grange Paddocks
02/12/22	Occasional Day
08/12/22	Pantomime
14/12/22	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
15/12/22	Christmas Dinner
21/12/22	Christmas Service at Great St Mary's Church from 1.45 – 2.30 pm.
21/12/22	Last Day of Term
05/01/23	Inset 3
06/01/23	Inset 4
09/01/23	First Day Back
13/02/23 – 17/02/23	Half Term
20/02/23	Inset 5
21/02/23	First Day Back
31/03/23	Last Day of Term
17/04/23	First Day Back
29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
21/07/23	Last Day of Term

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Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)







**WEEK ONE**

Served Week Commencing:

• 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March

**MULTI CHOICE EXTRA MENU**

WINTER/SPRING 2022/23

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice</b>  <b>Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) with Crusty Bread</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Mediterranean Roll (Ve) with Potato Wedges</b> <b>Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing</b> <b>Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Cottage Pie</b> <b>Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Battered Fish</b> <b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>

**WEEK TWO**

Served Week Commencing:

• 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes</b> <b>Cheese &amp; Veg Pasties (V) with Diced Potatoes</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes</b> <b>Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) with Rice</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding</b> <b>Lentil Roast (V)</b> <b>with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Quorn Hot Dog (V)</b> <b>Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread</b> <b>with Potato Wedges or Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Crispy Coated Salmon</b> <b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>

**WEEK THREE**

Served Week Commencing:

• 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (Ve) with Pasta</b> <b>Cheese Pinwheel with Diced Potatoes (V)</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Mild Chicken Curry with Rice</b> <b>Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V)</b> <b>with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing</b> <b>Tomato Bolognese (Ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges</b> <b>Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V)</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>	<b>Fish Fillet Fingers</b> <b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta</b>  <b>Jacket Potato with various toppings</b>

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (Ve) = Vegan

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## Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

**ONLINE course starting November 2022**



**A FREE course for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers**

**Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to**

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

"I wish I had done the course sooner"

**Thursday evenings Online**  
**7.30pm to 9.00pm**

**3, 10, 17, 24 Nov, 1 & 8 December 2022**

Sessions will run on Zoom

Places are funded by HCC for families in Hertfordshire and there are eligibility criteria.

**For eligibility and to book your FREE place please Email: [enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk)**

Course No: L4E4

Tel: 07748 332606



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**Great St Mary's**  
Sawbridgeworth

*Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

Mustard Seed - our new monthly short, informal service with crafts and activities



Followed by a party tea for children and hot refreshments for grown-ups.

Why not join us at 4pm on the third Sunday of the month?

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**







## SPELLBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL (vc)

*Learn together, Enjoy together, Succeed together*

---- The Parish of Great St Mary's ----

London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 4BA

### **JOB VACANCY** **MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT**

Are you enthusiastic, caring and someone who relates well to children?  
We need a cheerful and capable person to become part of our  
dedicated midday team.

You will be supervising children Monday to Friday during term time  
as directed, either while they eat their lunch in the school hall or playing outside.



**We have one full-time vacancy available from  
November 2022**

Monday to Friday 12pm to 1pm  
(Term time only)  
£9.51 per hour

For details or to apply visit: [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com) or contact  
Ms Sharon Freeborn, School Business Manager (01279) 723204

**\*Appointment to this role is subject to appropriate recruitment checks, including references being  
Secured, completion of a DBS enhanced clearance and online health check.**

*Spellbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding  
equality and promoting the welfare of children  
and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.*

# Confidence Building Fun

## Try a FREE class

Perform weekly drama, dance and singing classes for 4-12s  
will boost your child's confidence, improve their concentration  
and give them an outlet to have fun.

Visit [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) to book.

#### **Perform Sawbridgeworth**

Thursdays at 4pm - Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall, The Fourbury, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 9BD

#### **Perform Bishops Stortford**

Mondays at 4pm - Summercroft Primary School, Plaw Hatch Lane, Off Parsonage Lane, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5BJ

#### **Perform Stansted**

Thursdays at 4pm - Stansted Quaker Meeting House, 71 Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8AE

#### **Perform Epping**

Mondays at 4pm - Epping Hall, St John's Rd, Epping, Essex, CM16 5JU

#### **Perform Broxbourne**

Thursdays at 4pm - Broxbourne Sports Club, Mill Lane Close, Broxbourne, Herts, EN10 7BA



**PERFORM**

WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE